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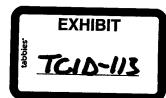
L. K. Hill, Executive Officer State Water Rights Board 1401 - 21st Street P. O. Box 1592 Sacramento 7, California

Dear Mr. Hill:

The Bureau of Reclamation filed Application No. 18006 on February 18, 1958, with the California State Water Rights Board for a permit to appropriate unappropriated water for irrigation, fish culture, flood control and recreational purposes, for storage at Prosser Creek Dam and Reservoir. The Notice of Application to Appropriate Water has been published according to the Board's instructions. Two protests to the application were received: one from the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District, and the second from the California-Nevada Interstate Compact Commission of the State of California. The latter protest stated that it could be disregarded and dismissed if terms and conditions recommended by the Joint California-Nevada Interstate Compact Commission or by the protestant were included in the permit. Negotiations leading to agreements on permit terms under which the protests might be withdrawn have resulted in a withdrawal of the protest of the TCID and agreement on proposed permit terms was reached by the Joint California-Nevada Interstate Compact Commission and expressed in its resolution dated September 19, 1958. This resolution recommending the issuance of the permit was forwarded to your Board on September 30, 1958.

The Appropriation Act of the last Congress included funds for the initiation of construction of Prosser Creek Dam this fiscal year. One of the conditions precedent to actual construction is that the water right permit be issued. Since all protests have been resolved, we urge that the permit, including the terms and conditions proposed by the Commission, be issued without formal hearing. Such action would expedite construction of Prosser Creek Dam and Reservoir, thus affording increased fishery benefits to California along the Truckee River and afford badly needed flood control downstream.





Your early consideration and action on this request will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Regional Director